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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:**

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| Jeff S. Eder |) | Examiner: Hyung Sough |
| Serial No. 10/071,164 |) | Art Unit: 3628 |
| Filed: February 7, 2002 |) | |
| For: A BUSINESS CONTEXT LAYER |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendments
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

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